GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed National Family Benefit Scheme, aimed at sustaining BPL families after the death of their primary bread winner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the amount is paid directly by the Centre or through State Governments;

(d) if so, the number of applications received in this regard from various States including the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, so far; and

(e) the details of applications accepted, the amount paid and the applications pending and rejected till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) Yes,Madam.

(b) The National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) which is aimed at sustaining BPL families after the death of their primary bread winner was reviewed by the Government of India in 2012. The following are the revisions made after reviewing the scheme:-

The Primary breadwinner will be the member of the household − male or female − whose earning contributes substantially to the total household income.

The death of such a primary breadwinner should have occurred while he or she is in the age group of 18 to 58 years.

The bereaved household qualifies as one below the poverty line according to the criterion prescribed by the Government of India

The Central Assistance under the scheme will be Rs.20,000/- in the case of death of the primary breadwinner.

(c) The implementation of the schemes under the NSAP including National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) is done by the State / UT Governments. Identification of beneficiaries and payment of amount to the bereaved BPLfamilies under NFBS is done by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(d)& (e) The applications for assistance under NFBS are received directly by the State / UT Governments who in-turn examine the applications and provide assistance to the families on fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria.The number of families to whom assistance has been provided under NFBS as reported by the State / UT Governments including the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years is enclosed as Annexure.